Imagine this: You're a prisoner in a narrow enclosed container, strapped into a tiny space, unable to move your legs. You have trouble breathing. The background roaring fills your head. Babies are screaming, functionaries are dragging and slamming equipment, nearby drunks are shouting and laughing, periodic electronic noises and loudspeaker announcements keep you from sleeping. And on both sides of you, in front and behind, other people are constantly chattering in a loud voice. There's nowhere you can go to escape.

For the basic sanity of airline passengers, Please, please, please do not allow cell phone use on airlines.

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